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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL B, YUGOSLAVS HAVE CLAIMED (TO US, AT LEAST) TO BE THE MAJOR IF NOT ONLY TRULY VOCAL OPPONENT AMONG NONALIGNED OF CUBAN POSITION ON PUERTO RICO, PARTICULARLY FORMER'S ALLEGED CONTENTION THAT PUERTO RICAN "LIBERATION MOVEMENT" IS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE. YUGOSLAVS IN FACT HAVE DOWN-PLAYED SIGNIFICANCE OF INDIAN OPPOSITION TO CUBAN POSITION ON PUERTO RICO IN NONALIGNED CONTEXT, CHARACTERIZING LATTER AS "VERY WEAK".

2. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO GOY U.S. POSITION ON CONSIDERATION BY NONALIGNED OF PUERTO RICAN QUESTION AND BELIEVE YUGOSLAVS ARE SUFFICIENTLY AWARE OF REALITY OF PUERTO RICAN SITUATION TO SUPPORT, THOUGH PROBABLY (FOR POLITICAL REASONS) NOT TO LEAD, A STRONGER, MORE BROAD
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BASED OPPOSITION TO CUBAN INITIATIVES ON THIS ISSUE.

WHETHER AT PRESENT TIME YUGOSLAVS COULD VISIBLY LEND
SUPPORT TO MOVE TO DROP PUERTO RICO ENTIRELY FROM NON-
ALIGNED DECLARATION IS QUESTIONABLE, BUT YUGOSLAVIA SHOULD
DEFINITELY BE INCLUDED IN ANY FORTHCOMING APPROACH TO
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